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SUBJ: 13TH CONVENTION OF MINING ENGINEERS - INVITATION
FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION

1. DANIEL RODRIGUEZ HOYLE, MANAGER OF SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORP., HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PARTICIPATION OF DISTINGUISHED U.S. MINING ENGINEER AND/OR GEOLOGIST AT 13TH MINING ENGINEERS CONVENTION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 8-12 IN AREQUIPA, PERU. THE CONVENTION, UNDER THE TITLE "100 YEARS OF MINING ENGINEERING IN PERU." HAS AS ITS PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE THE ADVANCEMENT OF MINING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESENTATION OF PAPERS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MINING ENGINEERING, THE ORGANIZERS OF THE CONVENTION ALSO PLAN AN EXPOSITION OF MINERALS AND MINING MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO RODRIGUEZ, THE CONVENTION ORGANIZERS WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE A PRESENTATION ON THE LATEST MINING TECHNIQUES USED IN EXPLORATION FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL MINERALS (THE MOON, IN PARTICULAR) AND THE RESULTS OF CORRESPONDING RESEARCH. IN THIS REGARD THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONVENTION ORGANIZING COMMISSION HAS WRITTEN TO GEORGE ERICKSEN OF THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REQUESTING UNCLASSIFIED

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HIS COOPERATION IN OBTAINING THE PARTICIPATION OF A NASA

SCIENTIST IN THE CONVENTION. COPIES OF THE ORGANIZING COMMISSION'S LETTERS TO THE AMBASSADOR AND MR. ERICKSEN, AS WELL AS A BROCHURE ON THE CONVENTION, WILL BE POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR FORWARDING TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

3. THE MAJOR TOPICS OF THE CONVENTION WILL BE:

- A. GEOLOGY AND PROSPECTING
- B. SUBTERRANEAN MINING
- C. OPEN PIT MINING
- D. MINERALOGY
- E. ECONOMICS AND LEGISLATION
- F. EDUCATION AND SAFETY
- G. RESEARCH AND HISTORY

A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THESE TOPICS WILL BE SENT BY THE ORGANIZING COMMISSION UPON REQUEST. ALTHOUGH THE DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF SUMMARIES OF CONVENTION PAPERS WAS MARCH 31, EMBASSY IS CERTAIN THAT CONVENTION WILL ACCEPT ANY PAPERS PRESENTED BY U.S. PARTICIPANTS. DEADLINE FOR PRESENTATION OF COMPLETE PAPERS IN JUNE 30. THE CONVENTION FEE IS 3,000 SOLES (APPROXIMATELY \$66.66) PER PARTICIPANT. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IN JULY 31.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES PARTICIPATION BY WELL-KNOWN AND RESPECTED U.S. MINING ENGINEER AND/OR GEOLOGIST WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO U.S. IMAGE IN PERU AND US-PERUVIAN RELATIONS. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND USG ATTEMPT TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THIS REQUEST BY FACILITATING SUCH PARTICIPATION.
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